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Dear Reviewer:

In accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), we enclose for your review the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Amendment 16-2 to the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) developed by the Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Amendment 16-2 would implement overfished species rebuilding plans for canary rockfish, darkblotched rockfish, lingcod, and Pacific ocean perch through a fishery management plan amendment and Federal regulations. Amendment 16-2 is intended to ensure that Pacific coast groundfish overfished species rebuilding plans meet the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, in particular National Standard 1 on overfishing and Section 304(e), which addresses rebuilding overfished fisheries.

Any written comments or questions you have should be submitted to D. Robert Lohn, Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070, or faxed to 206-526-6736, by the end of the 30-day comment period on January 20, 2004. Also, one copy of your comments should be sent to me at the NOAA Strategic Planning Office, Room 15603, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan A. Kennedy".

 Susan A. Kennedy  
Acting NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure



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